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1. The dam currently under construction in the Orava region of northwestern Slovakia is located immediately below the confluence of the Biela Orava and Cierna Orava rivers. The lake created by the dam will be V-shaped and will extend from Namestovo to Jablonka, a distance of approximately 17 km. The surface area of the lake will be about 27 square kilometers and the depth about 26 meters; the volume of water to be held by the dam is 310,000,000 cubic meters. The dam is to be the fourth largest in Europe.

2. It is anticipated that the following quantities of building materials will be needed to complete the construction of the dam:

350,000 cubic meters of concrete mixture;
90,000 metric centners of special cement (Note: One metric centner = 100 kilograms);
2,000 carloads of iron rods.

3. Approximately 150,000 cubic meters of earth have been excavated. Five villages with the total population of 4,000 are within the area to be flooded. The inhabitants of these villages were to be or have already been moved to other areas.

4. Informant makes no mention of the dam's having been blown up as previously reported from other sources. Subsource adds, however, that there had been a considerable seepage of water through underground layers of earth.

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